

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

21. (currently amended) A method of commercial administration using a network connecting a scanner, a portal server, and a receiver, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a written record of a transaction, which record includes machine-readable code identifying at least the transaction and a link to a database containing records of the transaction and accessible from the network via the portal server;

scanning said machine-readable code on the written record using the scanner;

storing the machine-readable code in a memory;

extracting link information from the machine-readable code stored in the memory;

~~optionally~~ obtaining and storing a user input information;

sending the ~~stored~~ link information and information identifying the user to the portal server via the network.

receiving ~~the said~~ link information and the information identifying the user at the portal server;

applying at least said link information to a link table at the portal server in order to identify a network address of the database containing records of the transaction;

directing the user from the portal server to the identified network address;
and

accessing the records of the transaction in the ~~said~~ database.

22. (original) A method of commercial administration according to claim 21, which comprises downloading from the database to the receiver the records of the transaction.

23. (original) A method of commercial administration according to claim 21, wherein the written record is a receipt, and which comprises importing the downloaded records into an expense accounting system.

24. (original) A method of commercial administration according to claim 21, which comprises automatically transferring funds to pay a debt created by the transaction.

25. (original) A method of commercial administration according to claim 21, which comprises appending information identifying the user to the database.

26. (original) A method of commercial administration according to claim 25, wherein the transaction is a sale, and the database contains product and purchaser information.

27. (currently amended) A method of commercial administration according to claim ~~25~~26, which comprises using the product and purchaser information for warranty administration.

28. (currently amended) A method of commercial administration according to claims ~~25~~ 26, which comprises using the product and purchaser information for maintenance contract administration.

29. (currently amended) A method of commercial administration according to claim ~~25~~ 26, which comprises using the product and purchaser information for the supply of upgrades.